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P&G Case 6934

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of

KENNEALLY et al. : Confirmation No. 6519

Serial No. 09/554,211 : Group Art Unit: 1621 Filed: May 10, 2000 : Examiner: Deborah Carr

For A PROCESS FOR MAKING HIGH PURITY LOWER ALKYL ESTERS

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. A 1-month extension of time is required. Authorization for paying the requisite fee is provided in the accompanying transmittal paper.

Amendments to the Claims: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments: begin on page 8 of this paper.